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A Review of the Preſent State of Europe.

RUSSIA.

THE court of Petersburgh muſt neceſſarily ſuſpend all its intended military preparartions againſt the kingdom of Pruſſia; becauſe the ſeverity of the winter, prevents even the hardy Coſſacks from taking the field. Beſides, his Pruſſian majeſty has guarded his kingdom with 30,000 men, and his duchy of Pomerania with 16,000; which are ready to enter Courland, the moment his majeſty receives advice that field-marſhal Apraxin, is in motion towards Ruſſia.——Sir Hanbury Williams, the Britiſh miniſter at Petersburgh, has acquainted the Ruſſian miniſtry, that his Britannic majeſty is deſirous to put a ſtop to the troubles in Germany, and offers to join the mediation with the empreſs, for that ſalutary purpoſe: but her imperial majeſty has not yet come to a definitive reſolution in that reſpect; as it will be neceſſary to have ſome previous conſultations with the courts of Vienna, Warſaw, and Verſailles.

POLAND.

Sweden and Denmark are ſtill in the ſame ſituation: while his Poliſh majeſty has ſollicited the czarina, that the Ruſſian army, deſtined to aſſiſt the empreſs queen, may not march thro' the Poliſh territories; as his Pruſſian majeſty may make that republic the ſcene of war; and alſo demand the 4000 men, with which Poland is obliged to furniſh him by the treaty of Zochlau.

GERMANY.

Several ſkirmiſhes have happened between the Auſtrians and Pruſſians, on the frontiers of Bohemia and Saxony. The Pruſſians boaſt of their moderation in Saxony; and the Saxons complain of their diſtreſſes. His Pruſſian majeſty has new cloathed the Saxon troops which he has engaged in his ſervice; and made an exchange of priſoners with count Brown; which ſeems to terminate the campaign. Frequent conferences have been held at the court of Vienna, to ſettle the plan of operations for the enſuing campaign, when it is expected prince Charles of Lorrain will command in chief, with the aſſiſtance of marſhal Brown. Her imperial majeſty has taken a body of Palatine troops into her pay; and it is expected his Britannic majeſty will have a body of Danes for the ſecurity of Hanover. The empreſs-queen has been ſafely delivered of an arch-duke, who has been paptiſed by the name of Maximilian-Joſeph: and the empreſs-dowager, widow of the emperor Charles vii. died at Munich, on the 11th of laſt month.

ITALY.

The empreſs-queen of Hungary has withdrawn 12000 troops out of her Italian dominions; and all the ſtates of Italy ſeem ſatisfied with the meaſures ſhe has taken for the tranquility of that country.

PORTUGAL, and *SPAIN.*

The kingdom of Portugal is beginning to revive from its late terrible accident: the king and the people mutually ſtrive who ſhall contribute moſt to the rebuilding of their metropolis, and the re-eſtabliſhment of their national opulence, in which they have been ſeaſonably aſſiſted by the arrival of their treaſure from Brazil. --- The court of Spain has complained, that ſome Britiſh men of war have acted in contravention to the treaty of 1667: upon which his Britannic majeſty has ordered all his commanders to be more circumſpect for the future: and this has given entire ſatisfaction to his moſt Catholic majeſty, who has ordered the ſquadron, commanded by Don Pedro Stewart to be diſarmed in the harbour of Carthagena.

FRANCE.

The French have been too ſucceſsful *in revenging their cauſe*, as they call it, in America; and have ſufficiently gratified themſelves

ſelves by fomenting diſſentions in Germany. With Auſtria for her real, and Ruſſia for her expected ally, France is conceiving more important ſchemes to diſturb the peace of Europe: but if Providence directs the councils, and favours the arms of Britain, the ſtorm of war may be abated, and more permanent peace obtained than that of Aix-la-Chapelle.

UNITED PROVINCES.

A wonderful ſupineneſs and inability to aſſiſt their ancient ally, and even to defend themſelves, is every day more evident in this republic, whoſe power and glory have ſunk almoſt as ſuddenly as they roſe, which muſt always keep them in awe of a ſuperiour neighbour; ſo that their high mightineſſes are no longer conſidered as a principal maritime power.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Margate, Dec. 8. Yeſterday a fire broke out at Mr. John Scot's farm called Brook's-End, in the pariſh of Burchington, four miles from this place, which conſumed the barns, ſtables, and other outhouſes, and ſeveral ſtacks of corn and hay; only the dwelling-houſe is ſtanding. It is computed that betwnen 7 and 800 quarters of corn were burnt.

Briſtol, Dec. 18. Laſt Sunday night about nine o'clock, a butcher's boy belonging to Bill, returning home with ſome horſes, miſſed his way over Leigh-Down and rode over the rock. He was found next morning with his ſkull fractur'd, but ſenſible, and his horſe dead by him. He is now in our infirmary, and we hear there are hopes of his recovery.

Newcaſtle, Dec. 18. Thurſday ſe'nnight about ſix in the evening, the Providence, of London, Scafe, maſter, from Whitby, in ballaſt, for Tynemouth, ſtruck on Whitburn ſteel, and did not get off before Saturday morning at ſix, when they fortunately cleared it, with a calm ſea and ſlow wind, otherwiſe the veſſel muſt have gone in pieces. This was occaſioned by a light in a houſe at Whitburn in the third ſtory, and in hazy weather: which light has been often complained of by mariners, who take it for Tynemouth light, and has frequently nearly undone many ſhips; it is remarkable all the winter, from dark till very late.

Portſmouth, Dec. 29. On Monday admiral Byng's trial came on, but nothing was done: and yeſterday morning the court ſa

at nine o'clock, which conſiſted of vice-admiral Smith, preſident, the rear-admirals Holbourne, Norris, and Broderick, and the captains Holmes, Geary, Boys, Moore, Simcoe, Douglaſs, Bentley, Keppel, and Denis; when, after having ſettled the methods to be followed in the courſe of the trial, and read the ſeveral letters ſent by admiral Byng to the Admiralty, the court adjourned till this morning nine o'clock, when vice-admiral Weſt is to be firſt examined. Admiral Byng is permitted to go aſhore every day, and lies at the dock evry night.

LONDON.

From the LONDON GAZETTE.

St. James's, Dec. 4. The king has this day been pleaſed to appoint the right hon. William Pitt, Eſq; to be one of his majeſty's principal ſecretaries of ſtate, in the room of the right hon. Henry Fox, Eſq;

It is ordered by his majeſty in council, that an embargo be laid upon all ſhips laden, or to be laden, in the ports of Great-Britain and Ireland, with corn, malt, meal, flour, bread, biſcuit, and ſtarch, to be exported to foreign parts, purſuant to an addreſs of the houſe of commons preſented to his majeſty for that purpoſe.

Whitehall, Dec. 11. The king has been pleaſed to order letters patent to be paſſed under the great ſeal of Ireland, containing a grant of the dignity of a baron of that kingdom unto Sir William Blakeney, knight of the Bath, lieutenant-general of his majeſty's forces, and his heirs male, by the name, ſtyle, and title of baron Blakeney, of Caſtle-Blakeney in the county of Galway.

The king has been pleaſed to grant unto the earl of Breadalbane, the offices of warden, chief juſtice, and juſtice in Eyre, of all his majeſty's foreſts, &c. on this ſide Trent, in the room of lord Sandys.

And to grant unto Sir Richard Lyttelton, the office of maſter or treaſurer of his majeſty's jewels, in the room of the earl of Breadalbane.

St. James's, Dec. 15. His majeſty in council was this day pleaſed to declare his grace John duke of Bedford, lieutenant-general and general-governor of his majeſty's kingdom of Ireland.

His

His majeſty having been pleaſed to appoint his grace William duke of Devonſhire to be lord-lieutenant of the county of Derby, his grace this day took the oaths appointed to be taken thereupon.

This day the right hon. Hugh viſcount Falmouth was, by his majeſty's command, ſworn of his majeſty's moſt honourable privy council.

An act to make proviſion for the quartering the foreign troops in his majeſty's ſervice now in this kingdom; and, An act to prohibit, for a time to be limitted, the exportation of corn, malt, meal, flour, bread, biſcuit, and ſtarch; received the royal aſſent in the houſe of peers, by virtue of his majeſty's commiſſion to ſeveral lords for that purpoſe.

We hear that 54000 men will be employed in the ſea ſervice for the year 1757.

A proclamation is iſſued for a general faſt on Friday the 11th of February next.

By letters from Cumberland we hear, that on Saturday the 11th inſtant, a great mob of colliers, and other diſorderly people in that neighbourhood, aſſembled at Maryport, and committed great outrages, breaking forcibly into many houſes, and plundering them of all kinds of proviſions; upon which a meſſenger was diſpatched to the ſheriff of the county, Sir William Lawſon, Bart. and the juſtices of the peace then met on the publick buſineſs at Allonby, five miles diſtant, who immediately came to diſperſe the mob, and with the aſſiſtance of the honeſt ſailors of Maryport, headed by the ſheriff, who ſhewed a true ſpirit upon the occaſion, and other gentlemen and their ſervants, ſoon routed them, and took fifteen priſoners. Mr. Curven ſeized the ringleader of the mob, a ſtout deſperate fellow. Ten of the moſt flagrant were directly committed, by the juſtices then preſent to the goal of Carliſle, and conveyed from Allonby by the fiſhermen in one of their herring-buſſes, to Rowcliffe, near Carliſle, and thence ſafely conducted to priſon. This mob had committed great violence in many parts, and were become a terror to the neighbourhood, not having done a day's work for ten days before.

The tranſports that carried over the firſt diviſion of the Hanoverian troops are returned; and the ſecond diviſion is preparing to go on board.

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We hear that his grace the late duke of Beaufort has bequeathed 100 l. to the Weſtminſter Hoſpital, of which he was a truſtee.

We hear that the Centurion man of war, lately arrived from North America, took upwards of thirty prizes there.

On Friday, the 17th, at night, came aſhore at Crickeith in Carnarvonſhire, the Four Friends, of Cork, for Liverpool, Dennis Tootheg, maſter. The people ſaved their lives in the ſhrouds till morning, but the veſſel is beat in pieces. A ſmall pier, which might be accompliſhed for a very ſmall ſum, would ſave a number of veſſels and men's lives, who are frequently drove into this dangerous bay, and for want of ſuch often periſh.

Wedneſday night, Dec. 22, about ten o'clock, two men, in horſemen's great coats, laced hats, and booted, got entrance into the houſe of Richard Tryce, Eſq; at Peterborough in Northamptonſhire, bound him and his ſervants, cutting Mr. Tryce very cruelly with a hanger, and robbed him of 140 l. and a diamond ring, and then made off. But, being deſcribed in the country, they were ſuppoſed to be two men who had paſſed for captain and ſurgeon of a privateer, accordingly they were traced to London, where it was found a poſt-chaiſe had ſet them down in St. John's-ſtreet, on Thurſday about noon. And hand bills being diſperſed about, they were ſtopt ſoon after by a pawnbroker near Smithfield, to whom they offered to pledge the ring, and being carried before Mr. Fielding, they confeſſed the fact, and were committed to Newgate.

The perſon who lately robbed the Worceſter mail, has ſince put off ſeveral of the bank notes, to different inn-keepers on the road to Caxton, by travelling poſt, in poſt-chaiſes with four horſes, by the way of Barnet, Hatfield, Stevenage and Bugden, and returning from Caxton by the way of Royſton, Ware, and Enfield, to London.

They write from Bath, that two tradeſmen of that city having laid a wager who could ſooneſt pick up an hundred ſtones, each a yard aſunder, and deliver them (ſingly) into a baſket placed by the firſt ſtone, one to do it on foot, and the other on horſeback, but at his option to ride or run as often as he pleaſed; the ſame was determined on Thurſday the 23d Inſt. in favour of the horſeman, who picked up about thirty of the neareſt on foot, and the others by riding and diſmounting at the picking up of each ſtone.

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PREFERMENTS.

1. *Eccleſiaſtical.* The Rev. Mr. Pennant, chaplain to the princeſs of Wales, is inſtituted to the rectory of Compton-Martin in Somerſetſhire. The Rev. Mr. Foreſter, to the rectory of Aſhwell in Hertfordſhire. The Rev. Mr. Barford, rector of Biſhopſton, is collated to the prebend of Alton-Boreal in the cathedral of Saliſbury. The Rev. Mr. John Wingfield, fellow of All-Souls-College in Oxford, is preſented by Sir John Aſtley, Bart. to the perpetual curacy of St. Julian's in Shrewſbury.

2. *Civil.* Lord Edgcumbe, as chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaſter, has by patent appointed William Maſterman, of Lincoln's-Inn, Eſq; to the office of high bailiff of the liberty of the Savoy, vacant by the death of George James Guidott, Eſq; William Bowles, Eſq; has ſucceeded the late Thomas Sherwin, Eſq; as firſt clerk in the war-office.

MARRIAGES.

The right hon. the earl of Hyndford, to miſs Jane Vigor, only daughter of Benjamin Vigor, Eſq; a gentleman of a very antient family. Thomas Herbert Noyes, of Great Berkhamſtead in the county of Hertford, Eſq; to miſs Halſey, ſiſter to Frederick Halſey, of Great Gaddeſden in the ſame county, Eſq; Mr. Auguilar, ſon of baron Aguilar, to miſs Mendes Da Coſta, of New-Broad-Street, only daughter of the late Moſes Mendes Da Coſta, Eſq; a fortune of 30,000 l. The Rev. Mr. Denton, rector of Aſhtead in Surrey, to miſs Ann Clough of the ſame place.

DEATHS.

The right hon. the earl of Harrington, general of horſe, a governor of the Charter-houſe, and a privy-counſellor.-- His lordſhip is ſucceeded by his only ſon, lord Peterſham, member in the preſent parliament for St. Edmund's-Bury. The right hon. the counteſs of Inchiquin.---Her ladyſhip was the eldeſt daughter and one of the co-heireſſes to the late earl of Orkney. William earl of Dunmore.---He is ſucceeded in his honours by his eldeſt ſon, lord Fincaſtle, now earl of Dunmore. Sir Thomas Standiſh, Bart. at his ſeat at Denbury in Lancaſhire. The hon. William Leveſon Gower, knight of the ſhire for Staffordſhire,

ſhire, and uncle to the right hon. earl Gower. William Blackwell, Eſq; at his houſe at Highgate. Sir William Foulis, of Ingleby-Manor in Yorkſhire, Bart. The hon. Wardel George Weſtby, Eſq; one of the commiſſioners of his majeſty's cuſtoms. George Pochin, Eſq; at Longborough in Lieceſterſhire. Barrington Horſmanden, Eſq; a man of eminent practice in the high court of chancery. Mr. Henry Rimius, one of the aſſiſtant librarians at the Britiſh muſæum. Mrs. Pale, mother of John Pale Roſe, Eſq; at his ſeat at Northill near Biggleſwade in Bedfordſhire. Joſeph Ayloffe, Eſq; of Trinity-Hall, Cambridge, a young gentleman of great merit and learning. The youngeſt ſon of John Pitt, Eſq; member of parliament for Dorcheſter. Mrs. Payler, a maiden lady, daughter of Sir Watkyn William Payler, Bart. Edward Buckley, Eſq; at his houſe in Eſſex-ſtreet in the Strand. Mr. Matthias Coates, merchant in St. Martin's-Lane. Mr. Mark Harriſon, a Spaniſh merchant, at his houſe in Fenchurch-ſtreet. Mr. Le Blon, a merchant in Crutched-Friars. Sarah the widow and relict of Robert Blake, late of Twiſel in the county palatine of Durham, Eſq;

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